Amendments To The Specification

Please amend the specification at page 3, line 30 through page 5, line 7:

The present invention meets the need in the art by providing a rackable gate that readily adjusts to conform substantially to a slope of a terrain during installation. The rackable gate comprises a gate panel with a pair of spaced-apart rails connected to a plurality of spaced-apart first and second pickets on a side of the rails. The rails have a first edge and a spaced apart second edge on the side. The first pickets attach with a fastener only between the respective first picket and the first edge of the respective rail. The second picket ~~fastens~~ attaches to the respective rails with a fastener only between the second picket and the second edge of ~~on a side opposing the fastening of the first pickets to~~ the respective rail. A pair of opposing gate posts each define openings in a side wall, and the openings are spaced-apart to conform to the spacing of the rails. The openings receive opposing distal ends of the rails which are pivotally secured thereat. During racking of the gate panel to orient the rails at an oblique angle relative to the pickets to track the contour of the terrain, the rails are restricted from pivoting from the pickets by the ~~opposing~~ fastening ~~on~~ of the second picket opposing the fastening of the first pickets and the opposing distal ~~end~~ ends of the rail received in the gate ~~post~~ posts.

In another aspect, the present invention provides a method of making a gate for tracking a sloped grade during installation of a fence over a terrain, comprising the steps of:

(a) disposing a first rail parallel and spaced-apart from a second rail at an angle to a horizontal plane to define a longitudinal length of a fence panel, the rails defining on a lateral side opposing first and second side edges;

(b) attaching a plurality of first pickets on the lateral side ~~to~~ of the rails substantially perpendicular to the horizontal plane with fasteners only between the ~~pickets~~ respective picket and the first side edge of the respective rail ~~rails~~;

(c) attaching ~~a~~ at least one second picket on the lateral side ~~at end portions~~ of the rails substantially perpendicular to the horizontal plane by fasteners only between the second picket and the second side edge of the respective rail ~~rails~~; and

(d) pivotally securing distal ends of the rails in openings defined in opposing posts,

whereby the gate, being racked by moving the opposing posts in opposing directions transverse to the longitudinal axis of the rails, conforms the slope of the rails substantially to the slope of the portion of the terrain by changing the angle between the first and second pickets and the rails while the first and second pickets remain substantially perpendicular to horizontal.